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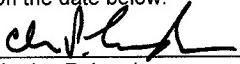
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Applicants file this Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in response to the Final Office Action dated January 22, 2009 (“the Action”), for which the date for response is May 22, 2009 in light of a request for a one-month extension of time. A Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”) is being filed concurrently. The appropriate fees are being charged to a credit card through the EFS-Web. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any underpayment of fees or any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 in connection with the filing of this paper from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/LABN:023USC1.

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